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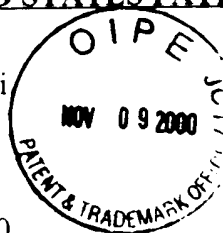
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Atsuko Kozai

Appln. No.: 09/604,530

Filed: June 27, 2000

For: STANDARD CELL, STANDARD
CELL ARRAY, AND SYSTEM AND
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Art Unit: 2768

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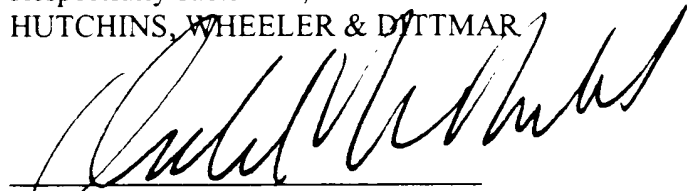
Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of our September deposit account statement for account number 501136 showing a charge of \$130 for the above-referenced U.S. patent application for a late filing surcharge. We believe this charge was made in error and are requesting a credit of \$130 be made to our deposit account no. 501136.

Also enclosed are copies of a Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 24, 2000, our response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 11, 2000, a copy of the originally-filed Declaration, and a copy of the mailroom date-stamped postcard indicating receipt of the Declaration on June 27, 2000. We therefore believe the Notice to File Missing Parts was issued in error and no late filing surcharge was due.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-951-6676.

Respectfully submitted,
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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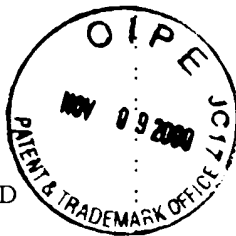
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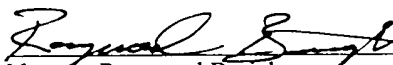
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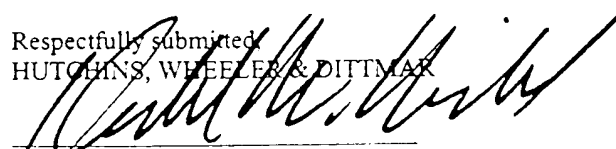
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated August 24, 2000 for the above-referenced patent application, Applicant respectfully submits a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney which was filed as part of the original application on June 27, 2000 along with a copy of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's mailroom date-stamped postcard indicating its receipt. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is also enclosed. Applicant believes that this Notice was sent in error as the executed Declaration was not missing at the time of filing of the application. Therefore, the surcharge of \$130 is not due.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our Deposit Account No. 501136. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 951-6676.

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The stamp of the United States Patent & Trademark Office placed hereon shall indicate the receipt of the following items:

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